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For: CUTTING IMPLEMENT INCLUDING FLOW DIVERTER BAFFLE

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First Amendment

The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 05 September 2002 and identified as  
Paper No. 6 , please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace all originally pending claims with the following:

We claim:

1. (amended) A cutting implement usable with a vehicle, the implement comprising:

a) a plurality of adjacent cutting chambers, each of the chambers having a front wall and a top surface in an interior thereof;

b) a cutting blade housed within each of the chambers, each of the blades being rotatable within its chamber and defining a cutting plane therein for the cutting of vegetation in the path of the implement, each of the blades causing a respective stream of air and vegetation to flow when it rotates and further causing its stream to be directed against and laterally along the front wall of its respective chamber; and